

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. Claims 9, 10, 12 and 13 have been cancelled. Claim 16 has been amended in view of the typographic error noted by the Examiner.

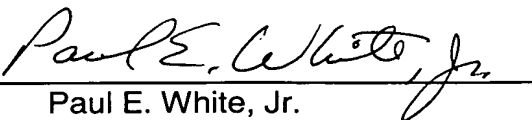
In response to the restriction requirement under 35 USC 121 as set forth in the Office Action, the applicants hereby elect with traverse, Group I containing claims 1-8, 11 and 14. In further response to the election requirement, the applicants hereby elect with traverse, the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

The applicants emphasize that SEQ ID NO:3 contains SEQ ID NO:1, which is clearly understood based on the description in claim 3 directed to the invention related to SEQ ID NO:3. The applicants respectfully submit that prior art searches for SEQ ID NOs:1 and 3 are coextensive.

Entry of this Response and favorable consideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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